

The Western District.

Goderich is to have a Bicycle Factory.

A Stratford Man Going into the Cultivation of Peanuts.

Sarnia Petrified Brick Factory Booming—Serious illness of Mr. C. A. Brewer, M.P.P. for East E. gln.

Windsor has 54 licensed milk dealers. Port Elgin has no street lighting of any kind.

Tilsonburg had a heavy frost on Friday night.

Mr. C. A. Brewer, M.P.P. for East Elgin, is seriously ill.

Amherstburg now pays its chief of police \$12 a month.

Conductor Curran moved his family down from Point Edward to Sarnia.

A. J. Stevens, of Galt, has been appointed official organizer for the A. O. F.

Kincardine is building granolithic sidewalks from end to end of the main business street.

Rev. Mr. Chatworthy, of Troy, Ohio, has accepted the call to the Baptist Church at Leamington.

Capt. George Payton, of Dutton, is in command of the Amherstburg corps of the Salvation Army.

Mr. D. T. Elder, who has resided in Corunna for thirty years, has moved his family to Sarnia.

Mr. Wm. Laurie, superintendent of the Canada Oil Company's refinery, has moved his family to Petrolia.

J. W. Davis, of Tilsonburg, has purchased a business in Sarnia, and has removed there.

The Essex Union cheese factory, Amherstburg, owing to the small supply of milk being received, has closed down.

Principal J. A. Reeder has tendered his resignation to the Blenheim school board, having decided to study medicine.

Mr. James Dunlop, car inspector of the G. T. R., has bought ex-Councilor Weeland's residence in the fourth ward, Sarnia.

Mr. Neveaux, living in Sandwich West, had his collar broken while driving into McKee's lumber yard on Saturday.

Richard Somers, Blyth, has been appointed bailiff of the Twelfth Division Court of Huron, instead of James Davis, resigned.

The annual Essex county convention of the W. C. T. U. will be held in Kingsville on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 10 and 11.

There is trouble in the Washington Avenue F. Church in Port Huron, and about 30 members have temporarily withdrawn.

W. E. Sutherland, the popular principal of the Maplewood public school, Stratford, has been re-engaged for 1896 at an increased salary.

Rev. W. S. Dunlop, at one time right-fielder for the Chicago Baseball Club, is at present conducting a series of revival services in Galt.

Dr. Johnston's family have moved back to Sarnia, after spending the summer at Galt. The doctor and family are great favorites.

Around Aberfeldy farmers are sowing wheat, and are cutting corn and harvesting beans. Corn is a good crop. Beans are below the average.

Miss Eliza, daughter of Mr. George Zavitz, of Brockton, aged 23 years, died on Thursday. Deceased had been in failing health for about a year.

Physicians report considerable sickness in and around Tilbury—typhoid, malaria and dysentery—although the health of the village is excellent.

The members of the Elgin Historic and Scientific Institute will visit the site of the Indian forts in South Dorchester, near Tilsonburg, on Tuesday.

Board of Health on Thursday night, the city council was requested to take the necessary steps to enable the board to carry out the provisions of the act.

The residence of Mr. Patrick Cowan, dairyman, lot 7, con. 4, Harwich, was burned Thursday evening, with all the contents. Loss, about \$2,000; no insurance.

C. B. Lewis and family have left Thamesville for Windsor, where Mr. Lewis will take possession of the grocery business recently purchased by him.

John George, of Port Elgin, has been awarded a contract to build a light house and fog alarm building at Cabot Head, Georgian Bay, at a cost of \$3,475.

Attempts to burn Conn's grain warehouse at Dutton were made on Thursday night and on Saturday morning, but were discovered before any damage was done.

The commissioner of the Dominion police at Ottawa has issued a circular stating that at present there is a lot of counterfeit money in circulation in Western Ontario.

William, the 17-year-old son of Mr. Wm. Morris, Port Stanley, who had his right leg amputated six weeks ago in the Amasa Wood Hospital, St. Thomas, has returned home.

John Nichols was drowned off the steamer Wales last Monday, and his body was found Friday night in the Detroit River opposite the Sandwich Canal and taken to Windsor.

T. Donly, proprietor of the Grand Central Hotel, St. Thomas, was fined \$40 and costs for selling liquor on Saturday night in the basement of the hotel.

Probably the oldest person in Western Ontario is Mrs. Mills, of North Yarmouth. She will be 103 years in October, and recently walked to a neighbor's and back, nearly two miles.

The Ingersoll Lock and Wire Fence Company has started a branch establishment of their business in Montreal.

The Factory Act in Guelph is not complied with. At a meeting of the Wm. Church has exchanged his village property in Tyroneville with Jos. Welch for his farm, at the same place, Mr. Church paying \$2,400 as the difference in the value of the two properties.

A double wedding occurred recently in the family of John Short, of Aberfeldy, when his son Abe was united in marriage to Miss McKowne, of Shetland, and his daughter Jane, to Wm. Birr, of Euphrates.

Mr. John McKillop, son of Mr. Donald McKillop, passed away on Thursday, at the age of 24 years. The young man was widely known throughout the township and had been ailing several months.

During the Hunter and Crossley meetings in Carleton Place the names of 543 persons were handed in as auditors to live changed lives. The collection reached \$38,67, of which the evangelists received \$22,61.

M. Wilson, Q.C., Chatham, has left for Minneapolis to attend the general convention of the representatives of the Anglican Church in North America, to discuss general business, Arch-

bishop McRae, Bishop Sullivan, G. W. Allan and M. Wilson, Q.C., were appointed to represent Canada. It is believed that Mr. Allan will be unable to attend.

Chatham doctors are anxious that the Board of Health should inquire into the causes of the prevalence of typhoid fever. The daughter of Peter Laplante, Pain Court, is among the latest ones taken down by the fever.

John Benn and Councilor Tucker, of Walkerville, had a narrow escape from being drowned Friday. They were returning from Peach Island when their boat upset. They managed to hang on until a barge picked them up.

Wm. Osborne, of Stratford, has a peanut plant in his garden, which has borne a number of nuts. He is satisfied that peanuts can be grown profitably in that section, and next summer intends planting a considerable crop.

The rate of taxation in Brussels this year will be 24 mills, or 4 mills over last year. The school rate is responsible for the larger share of the rise. The local rate is 1 mill higher owing to a drop of \$15,000 on the assessment this year.

There have been a few cases of scarlet fever in Thamesville during the last few months, but without any fatal results. The children first afflicted are now recovering, but a fresh case has been discovered in the family of Mr. Robert Cairns.

The old immigrant sheds at Sarnia have been recently purchased by the Port Huron Petrified Brick Company, and the company have two machines and ten men at work. They turn out 3,000 bricks per day, but have facilities for making as many as 5,000 daily.

Frances McLellan, daughter of Wm. McLellan, baker, Sarnia, was badly scalded last week. She was carrying a pan of boiling water, and fell, contents of the pan coming into contact with her right arm, and severely scalding it from the wrist to the shoulder.

The storehouse adjoining J. C. Tassie's large store in North Dresden, was damaged by fire on Thursday, together with contents. When the fire broke out, the hall Engineer Merrill became caught between the door and the hub of the engine, and was badly crushed, having a number of ribs broken.

On Saturday A. F. Roehm, of Detroit, purchased from James Cotter the Imperial Hotel, on the corner of Sandwich street and Lower Ferry road, Windsor, and from M. A. McHugh and George Cotter the block east of the hotel, occupied by Wigle & Co. The price paid was \$25,000, and the purchase was made for an investment.

As a result of his visit to South-land, Mr. J. A. Rothwell has added to his collection of curios, some Indian relics of rare value. Among them is a silver armband and breast-plate, that 100 years or more ago adorned the person of a distinguished Indian chief, whose headquarters were at the Canadian Soo. The skeleton of the departed chief was found there.

Mr. Henderson has successfully floated a company in Goderich, to be known as the Henderson Bicycle Company, with a capital of \$100,000. The sum of \$50,000 has now been subscribed, and paid up, and the contract let for the building of a 35x40 feet in addition to the old Goderich factory, which will also be utilized by the company. Mr. Henderson will be manager of the concern, and he will leave Brantford in two weeks. The new firm will employ 75 hands, and will have an agency and repair shops in Brantford, Windsor and Toronto.

There died at the beautiful family residence at Galt, Kent county, on Wednesday evening, Sept. 25, the beloved wife of Mr. James Guilds, aged 55 years. Her death was the result of a lingering illness, and has caused widespread sorrow among the many friends she made during the years she had lived in that community, for by her friendly manner and Christian labors she won the hearts of all whom she met or associated with. Mr. Guilds had long been a member of the Methodist Church, from which place the funeral took place Sunday forenoon.

besides her husband, three sons—all married—to mourn her loss.

THE FAIRS.

Rain Interfered With Some of the Shows—Clinton and Brantford in Luck.

NORTH PERTH—The North Perth Fair at Stratford was interfered with by the weather, showers with a bleak northwest wind, considerably reducing the attendance as compared with last year. The exhibition closed Friday afternoon. The inside exhibits were not up to the average, the entries being very meagre in the ladies' work, and fruit departments, though the display of flowers was very fine. The live stock was creditable, and the different classes of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry were well represented.

THE NORTHERN—The Northern Fair was held at Ailsa Craig Thursday and Friday, 26 and 27. Although the weather was cold and raw, crowds attended, and everything was very successful. Entries were far in advance of last year in quality and quantity, and the speeding in the ring was very interesting.

EAST HURON—The Fair at Brussels was successful notwithstanding a drizzling rain and cold winds from the northwest. The roots, potatoes and grain were good, but fruit was not up to the usual standard. The exhibit of horses was good, that of sheep and swine especially good, and everything was extra good. The attendance and interest displayed was not less than any former year.

HURON CENTRAL—The fair at Clinton was on the whole a success, and the weather was perfect. The roots and vegetables have not been equalled for many years. Fruits presented a good appearance, considering the poor crop. The display of fine arts and ladies' work was superior, but the entries were not as numerous as on former occasions. On the whole the outside show was good, light horses and swine excellent. The attendance was slightly in advance of last year.

THE SOUTHERN—The Southern fair opened Thursday at Brantford. There is a fine show of horses, cattle and vegetables, while that of sheep and pigs seems to be larger than previous years. The exhibition, as to exhibits, is a great success, but the attendance is not as great as it should be.

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Church Drones.

Dr. Talmage Says Christianity Is Better Without Them.

Strategy Should Be a Part of Christian Warfare.

Lessons From the Defeat of the Midianites—The Few Must Do the Fighting.

New York, Sept. 30.—In his sermon yesterday Rev. Dr. Talmage discussed a subject which is of special interest to Sunday school teachers and scholars at the present time, being Gideon's battle with the Midianites, near Mount Gilboa. The text chosen was Judges vii., 20, 21. "And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers and held the lamps in their right hands to blow withal: And they cried, The sword of the Lord and of Gideon." And they stood every man in his place round about the camp, and all the host ran, and cried, and fled.

That is the strangest battle ever fought. God had told Gideon to go down and thrash the Midianites, but his army is too large; for the glory must be given to God, and not to man. And so proclamation is made that all those of the troops who are cowardly and want to go home, may go and 22,000 of them scampered away, leaving only 10,000 men. But God says the army is too large yet; and so he orders these 10,000 remaining to march down through a stream, and commands Gideon to notice in what manner these men drink of the water as they pass through it. If they got down on all-fours and drank, then they are to be pronounced lazy and incompetent for the campaign; but if, in passing through the stream, they scoop up the water in the palm of their hand and drink and pass on, they are to be the men selected for the battle. Well, the 10,000 men marched down in the stream, and the most of them come down on all-fours, and plunge their mouths, like a horse or an ox, into the water and drink; but there are 300 men who, instead of stopping, just dip the palm of their hands in the water and bring it to their lips, "lapping it as a dog lappeth." Those 300 brisk, rapid, enthusiastic men are chosen for the campaign. They are each to take a trumpet in the right hand and a pitcher in the left hand, and a lamp inside the pitcher, and then at a given signal they are to blow the trumpets, and throw down the pitchers and hold up the lamps. So it was done.

It is night, I see the great host of Midianites, sound asleep in the valley of Jezreel. Gideon comes up with his three hundred picked men, and when everything is ready, the signal is given, the trumpets are blown, and they throw down the pitchers and hold up the lamps, and the great host of Midianites, walking out of a sound sleep, take the crash of the crockery and the glare of the lamps for the coming on of an overwhelming force; and they run, and cut themselves to pieces, and horribly perish.

The lesson of this subject are very clear and impressive. This seemingly valueless lump of quartz has the pure gold in it. The smallest dewdrop on the meadow at night has a star asleep in its bosom, and the most insignificant passage of Scripture has in it a shining truth. God's mint coins no small change.

I learn in the first place, from this subject, the lawfulness of Christian strategy. You know very well that the greatest victories ever gained by Washington or Napoleon were gained through the fact that they came when, and in a way they were not expected—sometimes falling back to draw out the foe, sometimes breaking out from ambush, sometimes crossing a river on unboarded rafts; at the time keeping the opposing forces in wonderment as to what would be done next.

I think that the finest of all fine arts is the art of doing good, and yet this art is the least cultured. We have in the kingdom of God to-day enough troops to conquer the whole earth for Christ if we only had skill in manoeuvring. I would rather have the three hundred picked men of the Christian Church than the hundred thousand drawn swords of literature and ecclesiastical combat.

I learn from this subject, also, that a small part of the army of God will have to do all the hard fighting. Gideon's army was originally composed of twenty-two thousand men, but they were very few. Only ten thousand left, and that was sub-tracted from until there were only three hundred. It is the same in all ages of the Christian Church; a few men have to do the hard fighting. Take a membership of a thousand, and you generally find that fifty people do the work.

We mourn that there is so much useless lumber in the membership of the Church. I think, of the ten million membership of the Christian Church to-day, if five millions of the names were off the books, the church would be stronger. You know that the more cowards and drones there are in an army the weaker it is. I would rather have the three hundred picked men of Gideon than the twenty-two thousand unselected host. How many Christians are standing in the way of progress? I think it is the duty of the Church of God to ride over them, and the quicker it does it, the quicker it does its duty.

Do not worry, oh Christian, if you have to do your share of the work. You had better thank God that he has called you to be one of the picked men, rather than to belong to the host of stragglers. Would not you rather be one of the three hundred that fight than the twenty-two thousand that run? I suppose those cowardly Gideons who went off congratulated themselves. They said: "We got rid of all that fighting, did we not? How lucky we have been; that battle costs us nothing at all." But they got none of the spoils of the victory. After the battle the three hundred men went down and took the wealth of the Midianites, and out of the cups and platters of their enemies they feasted. And the time will come, my dear brethren, when the hosts of darkness will be routed, and Christ will say to his troops: "Well done, my brave men, go up and take the spoils! Be more than conquerors forever!" and in that day all deserters will be shot!

Again: I learn from this subject, that God's way is different from man's, but is always the best way. If we had the planning of that battle, we would have taken those 22,000 men that originally belonged to the army, and we would have drilled them, and marched them up and down by the day, and week, and month, and we would have had them equipped with swords or spears, according to the way of arming in those times; and then we would have marched them down in solid column upon the foe. But that is not the way. God depletes the army, and takes away all the stragglers, and gives them a lamp and a pitcher, and a trumpet, and tells them to go down and drive out the Midianites. I suppose those who were there would say, "That is not



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military tactics. The idea of three hundred men, unarmed, conquering such a great host of Midianites!" It was the best way. What sword, spear, or cannon ever accomplished such a victory as the lamp, pitcher and trumpet!

God's way is different from man's way, but it is always best! Take, for instance, the composition of the Bible. If we had had the writing of the Bible we would have said: "Let one man write it. If you have twenty or thirty men to write a poem, or make a statue, or write a history, or make an argument, there will be flaws and contradictions. But God says: 'Let not one man do it, but forty men shall do it.' And they did, differing enough to show there had been no collusion between them, but not contradicting each other on any important point, while they all wrote from their own standpoint and temperament; so the matter of fact man has his Moses, the religious man his Ezekiel, the epigrammatic his Solomon; the warrior his Joshua; the sailor his Jonah; the loving his John; the logician his Paul. Instead of this Bible—which I now lift in my hand—instead of the Bible the child can carry to Sunday school—instead of the little Bible the sailor can put in his jacket when he goes to sea—if it had been left to men to write, it would have been a thousand volumes, judging from the amount of ecclesiastical controversy which has arisen. God's way is different from man's, but it is best, infinitely best.

So it is in regard to the Christian's life. If we had had the planning of a Christian's life we would have said: "Let him have 80 years of sunshine, a fine house to live in; let his surroundings all be agreeable; let him have sound health; let no child suffer through his limbs, no pain ache his brow; or trouble shadow his soul." I enjoy the prosperity of others so much, I would let every man have as much money as he wants, and roses for his children's cheeks, and fountains of gladness gleaming in their large round eyes. But that is not God's way. It seems as if a man must be out, and hit, and pounded, just in proportion as he is useful. "Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth." No pruning; no grapes; no grinding mill, no flour; no battle, no victory; no cross, no crown.

I learn from the subject that the overthrow of God's enemies will be sudden and terrific. There is the army of the Midianites down in the valley of Jezreel. I suppose their mighty men are dreaming of victory. Mount Gilboa never stood sentinel for so large a host. The spears and the shields of the Midianites gleam in the moonlight, and the lance of the warrior who never like a battle of eagles, ready to sweep from the cliff. Sleep on, oh, army of the Midianites! With the night to hide them, and strong arms to defend them, let no slumbering foe dream of disaster! Peace to the captains and the spearman!

I saw the defrauder in his splendid house. It seemed as if he had conquered God, as he stood amidst the blaze of chandeliers and pier mirrors. In the diamonds of the wardrobe I saw the tears of the widow whom he had robbed, and in the snowy satin the palar of the white-cheeked orphan whom he had wronged. The blood of the oppressed flowed in the deep crimson of the imported chair. The music trembled with the sorrow of unrequited toil. But the wave of misery dashed higher on reefs of coral and pearl. The day and the night went merrily. No sick child dared pull that silver door-bell. No beggar dared sit on that marble step. No voice of prayer floated amidst that tapestry. No shadow of a judgment day darkened that fresco. No tear of human sympathy dropped upon that upholstery. Pomp strutted the hall, and Dissipation filled her cup, and all seemed safe as the Midianites in the valley of Jezreel. But God came. Calamity smote the money market. The party-ridge left its eggs unatched. Crash went all the porcelain pitchers! Ruin, ruin, dismay and woe in the valley of Jezreel.

Alas for those who fight against God! Only two sides, Man against God, which side are you on? Do you belong to the 300 that are going to win the day, or to the great host of Midianites asleep in the valley, only to be roused up in consternation and ruin? Suddenly the golden bowl of life will be broken, and the trumpet blown that will startle our soul into eternity. The day of the Lord cometh as a thief in the night, and the God-armed Israelites upon the sleeping foe. Ha! Canst thou pluck up courage for the day when the trumpet which hath never been blown shall speak the roll-call of the dead, and the earth, dashing against a lost meteor, have its mountains scattered to the stars, and oceans emptied in the air? Oh, then, what will become of you? What will become of me?

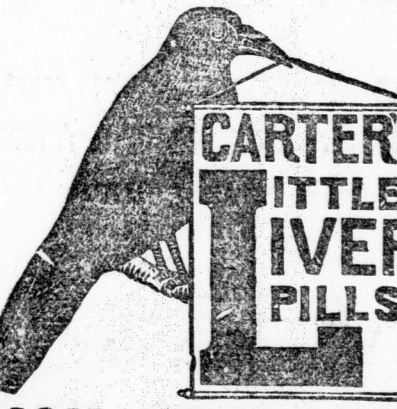
If those Midianites had only given up their swords the day before the disaster, all would have been well; and if you will surrender the sins with which you have been fighting against God, you will be safe. Oh, make peace with him now, through Jesus Christ the Lord. With the clutch of a drowning man seize the cross. Oh, surrender, surrender! Christ, with his hand on his pierced side, asks you to,

BICYCLISTS GET EVEN

With Councilor Tucker—Objectionable Laws in Walkerville.

Walkerville, Ont., Sept. 27.—At the last meeting of the Walkerville Council, Councilor Tucker introduced a bylaw compelling every bicycle rider to have a bell and to ring it at the corners and street crossings. In the town there are a great many wheelmen and they have a club which is in a very prosperous condition. They did not take very kindly to the bylaw and decided on a mode of revenge. Last night about 30 riders assembled, and on each wheel was a bell. They varied in tones from a screaming soprano to a sepulchral bass, and were of all sizes. Cow bells, dinner bells, marine bells, in fact bells of all descriptions were used. They paraded the town, rang at the corners and crossings and wound up by serenading Councilor Tucker, the father of the bylaw.

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